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TRANSLATION**PATENT COOPERATION TREATY****PCT****INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference POSHJ 30418	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Form PCT/IPEA/416	
International application No. PCT/JP2004/016613	International filing date (day/month/year) 02.11.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 04.11.2003
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H01M10/40		
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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of <u>1</u> sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>	
<p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</p>	
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1-22 _____ as originally filed/furnished

pages* 23 _____ received by this Authority on 25.08.2005

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the claims:

nos. 1-9 _____ as originally filed/furnished

nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the drawings:

sheets fig. 1-3 _____ as originally filed/furnished

sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____

sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (specify): _____

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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. II

Priority

1. ☐ This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the failure to furnish within the prescribed time limit the requested:
- ☐ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(a)).
 - ☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(b)).

2. ☒ This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rule 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this report, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

The application that serves as the basis for claiming the rights of priority only discloses a lithium secondary battery that contains 1 to 10% by weight of a vinylene carbonate in relation to the total weight of the electrolyte solution that includes an ambient temperature molten salt (paragraph [0043]), and only presents an example wherein the lithium secondary battery contains 5% by weight of a vinylene carbonate in relation to the total weight of the electrolyte solution that includes an ambient temperature molten salt (table 1). On the other hand, the application in question does not disclose a lithium secondary battery that contains 1 to 5% by weight of a vinylene carbonate in relation to the total weight of the electrolyte solution that includes an ambient temperature molten salt.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY		International application No. PCT/JP2004/016613
Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-9</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1-9</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-9</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
<p>Document 1: JP 2004-247176 A (Stella Chemifa Kabushiki Kaisha), 02 September 2004, claims 1 to 3, 5 and 7, and paragraph [0020] (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2002-373704 A (Yuasa Corp.), 26 December 2002, claim 4 and paragraphs [0015], [0035] and [0057] (Family: none)</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2003-288939 A (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.), 10 October 2003, claims 1 to 3; paragraphs [0009] and [0019]; table 1; paragraphs [0023] and [0024]; table 2; and paragraph [0029] (Family: none)</p> <p>The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 9 do not involve an inventive step in the light of the disclosures in documents 1 to 3 cited in the international search report. Document 1 discloses a lithium secondary battery with a negative electrode configured from a carbon material and an electrolyte solution that includes an aliphatic quaternary ammonium salt such as dimethylethyl methoxymethyl ammonium tetrafluoroborate, a lithium salt such as LiBF₄, and an organic solvent. It would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of adding the vinylene carbonate that is disclosed in</p>		

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

document 2 to the electrolytic solution of the invention disclosed in document 1 in order to suppress the reductive decomposition of the aliphatic quaternary ammonium salt; furthermore, a person skilled in the art could optimize the resulting configuration by delimiting a range of 1 to 5% by weight for the loading of the vinylene carbonate, as appropriate. In addition, a person skilled in the art could also limit the ambient temperature molten salt content in the light of the disclosures in document 3, for example, as appropriate.